



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS
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FOUNDER
Mrs. Sybil Brand

CHAIRPERSON
Mrs. Eleanor R. Montano

VICE CHAIRPERSON
Mrs. Helen H. Stathatos

Mr. Frank S. Bacio
Mr. Vito Cannella
Ms. Rita Hall
Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR MEETING** **August 9, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montano called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montano led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montano
Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos
Frank Bacio
Vito Cannella
John A. Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Excused Absence

Rita Hall

Other Present

Jim Corbett, Assistant Chief, Commission Services Division

APPROVAL OF August 9, 2006 Minutes

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Bacio, and unanimously carried, the minutes of August 9, 2006 were approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montano reported that many foster care children are returning to group home as the families are not equipped to deal with the severity of the problems these children have.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1,094.00.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Corbett reported the picture of Sybil Brand is at the entrance lobby of the conference room.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS

Manna Manor, Inc. – 67, #1

Chair Montano visited this facility on August 7th, and found it is in good order and rated it **Satisfactory**.

Boy's Republic – 8, #2

Chair Montano and Commissioner Hammargren visited this facility on August 8th, and found no one home. No inspection done.

B & I Group Home, Inc. – 6, #1

Chair Montano and Commissioner Hammargren visited this facility on August 3rd, and found the following areas of concern: dryer hose crimped, there is a slow leak under sink and recommended they replace wood under sink.

O'Connor & Atkins – 73, #2

Commissioner Bacio visited this facility on August 8th. He found the following areas of concern: the inside this older home needs constant upkeep, recharge of a fire extinguisher is due at the end of the year, smoke detector recently installed, and doorknob needs replacement.

Penny Lane – 56, #5

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on August 3rd, and found the home is very nice. It was rated **Satisfactory**.

Penny Lane – 57, #1

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NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Montano shared inspection assignments to Commissioners for the following week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

Commissioner Hammargren reported there are probation schools outside the probation facilities. Each school is occupied by approximately 200 to 300 children. Staff was asked to contact Mr. Ronald Hudson of the Probation Department to provide the Commission with a list of the schools so they can be inspected.

Also staff was asked to contact Commander Detta Roberts of the Sheriff's Department to provide a report on recidivism.

Commissioners also discussed the idea of having various reports provided monthly at the Business Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montano adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Corbett
Staff